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DEPT PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR AMB MCHENRY
JOHANNESBURG FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER
FROM NELSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: KAPUUNO FUNERAL; TALKING POINTS ON SWAPO STATEMENTS
AND DOCUMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 082228, (B) USUN 1144,

1. ATTENDANCE AT KAPUUNO MEMORIAL SERVICE. IT IS OUR
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UNDERSTANDING THAT FUNERAL WILL BE HELD APRIL 9. WE
HAVE NO DEFINITE WORD ON LOCALE, THOUGH IT LIKELY WILL
BE OKAHANDJA, TRADITIONAL INTERMENT PLACE FOR HERERO
CHIEFS, 80 KM. NORTH OF WINDHOEK. DO NOT YET KNOW
WHETHER MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN OTHER
LOCATIONS, THOUGH BELIEVE IT LIKELY. WE AGREE
ATTENDANCE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF CAPE TOWN FIVE

EMBASSIES AT MEMORIAL SERVICE APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE. OUR COLLEAGUES HERE AGREE. MATTER WAS DISCUSSED BY CAPE TOWN FIVE EARLIER THIS WEEK. IF SERVICES HELD IN CAPE TOWN OR JOHANNESBURG/PRETORIA AREA, ALL WOULD LIKELY ATTEND OR SEND REPRESENTATIVES. IF SERVICES ARE LIMITED TO NAMIBIA, OUR COLLEAGUES WILL PROBABLY NOT SEND REPRESENTATIVES; BELIEVE, HOWEVER, US EMBASSY SHOULD BE REPRESENTED. IN ANY EVENT, EACH OF OUR COLLEAGUES PLANS TO SEND WREATH TO THE FUNERAL WITH MESSAGE TO KAPUUBO FAMILY; WE SHOULD DO THE SAME. FIVE HAVE INDIVIDUALLY ALREADY SENT MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE TO HERERO COUNCIL OF CHIEFS.

2. TALKING POINTS ON SWAPO STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS. WE SHARE DEPARTMENT'S DOUBTS ABOUT TALKING POINTS IN PARA 5, REFTEL (B). WHATEVER WE SAY, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SATISFY SAG. NEVERTHELESS, WE SHOULD NOT BY OUR SILENCE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE SEEN AS SUPPORTING SWAPO. WE HAVE SOUGHT TO AVOID ALL APPEARANCE OF TAKING SIDES THROUGHOUT THE NAMIBIAN EXERCISE. IT THEREFORE MAY BE NECESSARY FOR US TO SAY SOMETHING TO THE SAG AT SOME POINT. DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN RAISING THIS CONTENTIOUS MATTER. IF THE STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS ARE RAISED AGAIN BY THE SAG IN A MANNER CALLING FOR A RESPONSE, SUGGEST THAT WE BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD PROPOSE LIMITING OURSELVES TO CONFIDENTIAL

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POINTS C AND D OF TALKING POINTS PRECEDED BY A SHORT STATEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS OUR ROLE TO EVALUATE THESE STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO SWAPO. NOR WOULD IT SERVE ANY CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE TO COMMENT ON THEM.

3. AMBASSADOR BOWDLER, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN WINDHOEK, HAS NOT SEEN THIS MESSAGE, BUT HE ALSO SHARES IN DEPARTMENT'S DOUBTS ABOUT REFTEL (B) TALKING POINTS. BOWDLER

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